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ABSTRACT: Several states of septet and quintet spin of FeO are studied Bound excited states of $^{7}\Sigma^{+}$, $^{7}\Sigma^{-}$, $^{7}\pi$, and $^{5}\Sigma^{+}$ symmetry with $R_{e} \sim 3.7$ Bohrs and $D_{e} \sim 1.3$ eV are found. It is concluded that the ground state of FeO is not a septet state. It is possible that a quintet state with molecular structure similar to that of the states studied may be identified with the c state of FeO.

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T. INTRODUCTION

In the course of a series of Hartree-Fock calculations on FeO, a state of $^{7}\text{M}^{+}$ symmetry with an unusual molecular structure was obtained. The molecular orbital (MO) configuration of this state is - besides filled shells for the atomic cores - $7\sigma^{2}$ $8\sigma^{2}$ $9\sigma^{1}$ $10\sigma^{1}$ $3\pi^{3}$ $4\pi^{3}$ $1\delta^{2}$. The unusual aspect of this state is the fact that the molecular orbitals are almost entirely non-bonding. The last occupied o orbital, 10σ , is primarily an Fe 4s orbital with a modest amount of 4p hybridization. The 4s-4p hybrid is directed out of the bond (away from 0). From examinations of the MO's, particularly population analyses 1 , the molecular structure is seen to strengly resemble that of an Fe $^{+}$ ion plus an 0^{-} ion. The configuration of the Fe $^{+}$ ion is $3d^{6}(^{5}\text{D})$ $4s^{*8}4p\sigma^{*2}$; in terms of orbitals with molecular symmetry it is

$$3d\sigma^{1} \ 3d\pi^{3} \ (^{2}H) \ 3d\delta^{2} \ (^{3}\Sigma^{-}) \ 4s^{8} \ 4p\sigma^{2}$$

The configuration of 0° is $2p\sigma^2 2p\pi^3$.

The choice of the STO basis set for the analytic open shell SCF^{2,3} calculations is discussed in Sec. II and the results of the SCF calculations on the $^{7}\Sigma^{+}$ state are presented in Sec. III. The computed equilibrium separation is 3.73 Bohrs. The dissociation energy computed with respect to the restricted Hartree-Fock energies of the neutral ground state atoms is 1.3 eV.

A large number of molecular wave functions can be constructed from the model of Fe⁺ and 0⁻ described above. This is done by distributing the Fe⁺ d and 0⁻ p electrons in different ways among the nearly degenerate du, dm, and d8 and pu and pm MO's and by coupling the angular momenta of the open shells in different ways. Some of the states which could be

constructed in this way were investigated and four potential curves almost parallel to and very near the $^{7}\Sigma^{+}$ state curve were found. These states were investigated by means of very limited CI calculations. The results of these calculations were equivalent to frozen orbital calculations. In this context, frozen orbital calculations mean calculations in which the SCF MO's of the $^{7}\Sigma^{+}$ state are used to construct one configuration wave functions for other states. The results of these calculations are presented in Sec. IV.

Some simple arguments are given in Sec. V to show that the molecular correlation energy of the states considered is very close to the correlation energies of the separated atoms. It is concluded, in Sec. VI, that the curves obtained are for fairly highly excited states of FeO. It is also concluded that the ground state of FeO is not a septet state.

II. SLATER TYPE BASIS SET

A reasonably large Slater Type (STO) basis set based on carefully optimized atomic basis sets was used for the calculations reported in this paper. As is well known³, an STO basis function, χ , is defined by:

$$\chi = Nr_a^{n-1} \exp(-\zeta r_a) y_{\ell m}(\theta_a, \phi_a); \qquad (1)$$

where N is a normalization factor, n is referred to as the principal quantum number, ζ is referred to as the basis function exponent, and the coordinates r_a θ_a , and ϕ_a are measured with respect to center a. The atomic SCF calculations to be discussed below were all obtained using an open-shell restricted Hartree-Fock 2,3,4 formalism. In this context, restricted Hartree-Fock means that all the orbitals in a shell are constrained to have the same radial parts.

The starting point for the basis functions centered on Fe was an 8s, 5p, and 4d STO basis set optimized for the ⁵D state of Fe by Bagus and Gilbert⁵. This basis set yields a restricted Hartree-Fock^{2,3} energy of -1262.4427 a.u. for the ⁵D state of Fe. (Clementi⁶ using a basis set of 11s, 6p, and 5d STO's obtained -1262.4425 a.u. and the energy obtained from numerical integration of the Hartree-Fock integro-differential equations ^{4,7} is -1262.444 a.u.) This atomic basis set for Fe was supplemented with 2 4p and 2 4f STO's for the molecular FeO calculations. The two 4p exponents were chosen to be approximately 10% smaller than the 4s exponents in the atomic Fe hasis set. These exponents were added to allow for polarization of the 4s shell of Fe. The two 4f exponents were chosen to span roughly the same space as the three smaller 3d STO's. These additional exponents were not optimized.

The starting point for the basis functions centered on 0 was a 5s and 5p STO basis set optimized for 0 by Clementi 6. This basis yields an SCF energy of -74.78948 a.u. for 0 (2p). We have also calculated an SCF wave function neutral 0 with the same basis set and obtain an energy of -74.8065 a.u. for 0 (3p); this should be compared with the energy of -74.80938 a.u. for 0 (3p) obtained by Bagus and Gilbert 5 by optimizing the basis set for neutral 0. The numerical Hartree-Fock 4 , 7 energies for 0 (3p) and 0 (2p) are, respectively, -74.80941 a.u. and -74.7897 a.u. Thus this 0 basis set is quite satisfactory for calculations on atomic 0 and 0. This basis set was supplemented with 3 3d STO's for the molecular FeO calculations. The 3d exponents are the same as have been used in several recent calculations 8 on other metal monoxides (LiO, AlO, MgO and TiO) and CO, NO, and O2.

The basis set for the molecular FeO calculations was formed from the one center STO's on Fe and O, described above, by constructing all possible basis functions of σ , π , and ξ symmetries. The details of the basis set are given in Table I. From previous experience with distomic molecular SCF calculations, it is reasonable to estimate that the SCF energies obtained for FeO using this basis set will be within .01 a.u. of the Hartree-Fock limit.

The SCF calculations reported here were performed using the ALCHEM' quantum chemistry program system 10. The open shell SCF formalism used is an extension of Roothaan's analytic open shell SCF formalism 7 to systems with more than one open shell per symmetry. As with Roothaan's earlier formalism 3, the matrix SCF equations, including the off-diagonal Lagrange multipliers, are solved without approximation.

The electronic configuration of the 7_{Σ}^{+} state is:

$$1\sigma^{2} 2\sigma^{2} 3\sigma^{2} 4\sigma^{2} 5\sigma^{2} 6\sigma^{2} 7\sigma^{2} 8\sigma^{2} 9\sigma^{1} 10\sigma^{1} 1\Pi^{4} 2\Pi^{4} 3\Pi^{3} 4\Pi^{3} 1\epsilon^{2}.$$

The lot through 60 and 11 and 21 MO's represent the atomic cores; i.e., the ls, 2s, 2p, 3s, and 3p orbitals of Fe and the ls orbital of 0. No further reference will be made to these orbitals. The coupling of the remaining shells is as follows:

$$\left\{7\sigma^{2}8\sigma^{2}\left[9\sigma(^{2}\Sigma^{+})10\sigma(^{2}\Sigma^{+});\ ^{3}\Sigma^{+}\right]\left[3\pi^{3}(^{2}\Pi)4\pi^{3}(^{2}\Pi);\ ^{3}\Sigma^{-}\right]\ 1\delta^{2}(^{3}\Sigma^{-})\right\};\ ^{7}\Sigma^{+}.$$

The SCF wave function for the configuration described above is invariant under a unitary transformation of the 9σ and 10σ orbitals. A unique choice of these orbitals was made by setting the off-diagonal Lagrange

multipliers $\epsilon_{9\sigma,100} = \epsilon_{10\sigma,9\sigma} = 0$. This is equivalent to the usual choice of cannonical SCF orbitals for closed shells¹¹.

SCF calculations have been performed at 6 internuclear separations: R = 3.2 (.2) 4.2; the computed potential curve is given in Figure 1. In Table 11, we give population analyses¹, expectation values of z with respect to Fe and 0, and orbital energies for the 70 through 10σ , 3π , 4π , and 18 orbitals for each computed internuclear separation. We also give total energies, values of V/T, dipole moments, and the gross atomic populations. The z-axis is the internuclear axis and is directed from Fe to 0.

The calculated dissociation energy and equilibrium separation for the $^7\Sigma^+$ state are D $_e$ = 1.2 eV and R $_e$ = 3.73 a.u. The dissociation energy is computed with respect to the restricted Hartree-Fock energies of the neutral ground state Fe and 0 atoms. These energies are E $[0(^3P)]$ = 74.8094 a.u. and E[Fe(5D)] = -1262.4427 a.u. The minimum of the SCF potential curve for FeO was determined by making a quadratic fit to the calculated energies for R = 3.6, 3.8, and 4.0 a.u. A Dunham analysis 11 of the potential curve gave ω_e = 589 cm $^{-1}$ and $\omega_e x_e$ = 3 cm $^{-1}$ for 16 O and 56 Fe.

Although there are small variations along the curve, the features of the MO's are very much the same for all the values of R considered. From the population analyses and expectation values of z given in Table II, we draw the following conclusions. The 7 σ orbital is almost entirely 0 2s with a small mixing of basis functions on Fe. The 8 σ orbital is \sim 90% 0 2p σ 0 with \sim 10% of the charge on Fe; the charge on Fe decreases as the internuclear separation decreases. The 9 σ 0 orbital is almost entirely 3d σ 0 on Fe. The 10 σ 0 orbital is \sim 80% Fe 4s and \sim 20% Fe 4p σ 5; the negative value of <2> with respect to Fe shows that the sp hybridization is such that the charge is directed

away from the bond. The 3π , 4π and 1δ orbitals are non-bonding atomic orbitals which are respectively $3d\pi$ on Fe, $2p\pi$ on O and $3d\delta$ on Fe.

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In summary, the charge distribution is nearly that of Fe⁺ and O⁻; where for Fe⁺ the valence shell structure (including the 3d shell) is $3d\sigma^{1} 3d\pi^{3} 3d\delta^{2} 4s^{8} 4ps^{2} (^{6}\text{H})$ and for O⁻, it is $2p\sigma^{2} 2p\pi^{3} (^{2}\text{H})$. The d-shell electrons of Fe⁺ are coupled to ^{5}H which is by Hund's rule the energetically most favorable coupling. We note also that the wave function has the flexibility to dissociate to the ground states of the separated Fe and O atoms.

Decks of cards summarizing the SCF results, and including, in particular, the expansion co-efficients for the MO's, have been prepared. There are 158 cards for each internuclear separation. Copies of these decks are available upon request from the author.

1V. FROZEN ORBITAL RESULTS FOR STATES RELATED TO THE $\frac{7}{2}$ STATE OF FeO.

If an atomic model of Fe⁺ d⁶ (sp)¹ and 0⁻ p⁵ is assumed, there are a large number of ways in which the Fe 3d electrons can be distributed among do, dm, and d\delta and the 0 2p electrons among po and pm. Even if we restrict ourselves to cases where the 6 d-electrons are coupled to ⁵D, there are still a large number of septet, quintet, and triplet states which can be constructed. In Table 1II, we list all possible septet states and the $^{5}\Sigma^{+}$ states which can be constructed on this model.

We have used the ${}^{7}\Sigma^{+}$ SCF orbitals 13 to construct wave functions for the ${}^{7}\Sigma^{+}$, ${}^{7}\Sigma^{-}$, ${}^{7}\Pi$, and ${}^{5}\Sigma^{+}$ configurations listed in Table III. For ${}^{5}\Sigma^{+}$, we have also constructed the nine additional configurations which arise when the Fe 3d electrons are not restricted to be coupled to ${}^{5}D$. Clearly, no additional septet configurations can be constructed by dropping the restriction to ${}^{5}D$ coupling for Fe 6 . Configuration interaction, CI

calculations were then performed using these wave functions.

The off-diagonal Hamiltonian matrix elements among the configurations listed in Table III (and, in the case of $5z^+$, between the four configurations listed and the nine additional ones mentioned above) are negligible. The CI eigenfunctions could always be clearly identified with a single one of the configurations listed in Table III; the dominant CI coefficient for these states is always greater than 0.995. Thus the results for these states are the same as would be obtained by frozen orbital calculations. (This was not expected before the CI calculations were performed but follows for the reasons given next.) The off-diagonal matrix elements are small because of the atomic nature of the MO's and the sorts of replacements allowed between the configurations. In brief, these off-diagonal matrix elements involve only two center integrals between MO's which are essentially centered on Fe or on O. The exchange-type integrals, [FeO FeO], are small because the overlap between the Fe and O orbitals is small. The Coulomb-type integrals, [FeFe 0 0], are small because the angular factors involved are such that the integrals represent high order multipole interactions. There are large interactions among some of the additional ${}^{5}\Sigma^{+}$ configurations. However, the lowest CI eigenvector significantly involving one of these configurations is the forth rest of the ${}^{5}\Sigma^{+}$ CI and is ~ 2.5 eV above the lowest ${}^{5}\Sigma^{+}$ root; thus these states are not of particular interest.

The calculated potential curves for all the $^7\Sigma^+$, $^7\Sigma^-$, and $^7\Pi$ states and for the lowest two of the $^5\Sigma^+$ states are given in Figure 1. The CI results for the lower $^7\Sigma^+$ state (configuration 1 of Table III) are the same as the SCF results to eight significant figures. The curves for the remaining eleven $^5\Sigma^+$ states are not bound with respect to separated Hartree-Fock atoms and are above the scale of Figure 1. In Table IV, we tabulate the

calculated $R_{\rm e}$ and $D_{\rm e}$ for each of the states plotted in Figure 1. The cominant configuration in each of the states is also identified by reference to Table III. The values of $R_{\rm e}$ and $D_{\rm e}$ have been obtained by fitting a quadratic around the minimum of the curves. As usual, $D_{\rm e}$ is defined with respect to the Hartree-Fock energies of the separated atoms.

For each symmetry, the lowest state has $R_e \sim 3.7$ a.u. and $D_e \sim 1.2$ - 1.5 eV. It is quite likely that there will be states with values of R_e and D_e close to those found here for the other septet and quintet symmetries $(^7\Delta, ^7\psi, ^5\Sigma^-, ^5\Pi, ^5\Delta, \text{ and } ^5\phi)$ and possibly also for some of the triplet states arising from Fe 4 [d $^6(^5D)$ (sp)] and O $^-$.

Of course, a variational treatment of the states listed in Table IV is likely to change their energies. However, the point of these frozen orbital calculations is to show that there are several states of different symmetrics but similar $R_{\rm e}$ and $D_{\rm e}$. Because the binding is almost entirely ionic and the MD's essentially atomic orbitals, it is not likely that the frozen orbital results would be changed greatly by variational calculations. V. ESTIMATES OF THE MOLECULAR EXTRA CORRELATION ENERGY.

The Hartree-Fock and experimental transition energies and the correlation energy changes for transitions from atomic Fe to Fe⁺ and O to O⁻ are tabulated in Table V. The correlation energy of Fe⁺(6 D) + O⁻(2 p) is increased by +0.38 eV with respect to the neutral atoms. If we follow the population analysis given in Table II and assume that Fe⁺ in FeO is $\sim 80\%$ Fe⁺ 3d⁶4s(6 D) and $\sim 20\%$ Fe⁺ 3d⁶4p(6 F) then the correlation energy is increased by only +0.23 eV. On the model that the states of FeO considered here are basically separated ions; this means that the amount of extra molecular correlation energy is small and about .2 - .4 eV. Thus the computed

dissociation energies given in Table IV are likely to be reasonably close to the true values.

V. CONCLUSIONS

Barrow and Senior¹⁶ have suggested that the most likely ground state for FeO is a $^{7}\Sigma$ or $^{5}\Sigma$. We believe that we have investigated the possible septet configurations fairly carefully and it seems very unlikely that these dissociation energies can be significantly larger than those given in Table IV.

Brewer and Rosenblatt¹⁷ have estimated a value of $D_0^{\ o}$ = 95 ± kcal/mole (4.12 ± .22 eV) for FeO. A very recent thermo-chemical value of $D_0^{\ o}$ = 97 ± 3 kcal/mole (4.21 ± .13 eV) has been reported by Balducci et al¹⁸. This seems to rule out a septet state and in particular a $^7\Sigma$ state as the ground state of FeO.

Several quintet states with structure quite different from the states considered here have been investigated and a large CI calculation performed on a $^5\Sigma^+$ state. For the present, we note that assuming a dissociation energy of \sim 4.2 eV, then the states considered in this paper will have term energies of \sim 2.7 eV. There are observed states of FeO¹⁹, the a, b, and c states with term energies of, respectively, 2.14, 2.22, and 2.79 eV. If the ground state of FeO is a quintet state, then it is possible to identify the c state with a quintet state with the structure which we have considered in this paper. The observed $^{19}\omega_{\rm e}$ = 540 cm⁻¹ for the c state is in keeping with the shallow curves observed for the states reported here.

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TABLE L.

The S10 basis set for FeG. The molecular basis set is formed by constructing all possible a, m, and A basis functions from the one-center arc ic STO's listed. For each one center STO, the principle quantum number, I value, and exponent are listed.

Basis Functions Centered on fe

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1s 2s	27.0998	2p	23.0394	3d 3d	11.2792	46	4.5
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35	5.2935 3.5954	30	3.2100				
3s 4s 4s	1.948	4p 4p	0.9				

Basis Functions Centered on O

nε	ζ,	nt	ζ,	ns	ζ
1s	13.3654	2p	7.8070	3 d	4.0
1s	7.6126	2p	3.4363	33	3.0
25	6.2996	25	1.7424	3d	2.0
25	3.2045	20	8.5650		
25	1.7637	2p	4.7060		

Molecular Basis Set

Center	Number of	functions	per Symmetr
	O	77	8
Fe	21	13	6
0	13	8	3
Total	34	21	9

TASLE II.

Computed SCF properties for the ⁷E⁺ state of FeO for R = 3.2 to 4.2 a.u. Gross atomic populations and the contributions according to k-value are given for several orbitals. The population of an orbital is normalized to its occupation number. All values are in atomic units: I a.u. = 27.212 eV, I a.u. = 0.52916Å and I a.u. = 2.542 Debye.

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Orbital Occupation and Coupling

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TABLE IV.

Values of $R_{\rm e}$ and $D_{\rm e}$ for Frozen Orbital Calculations on FeO. The dominant configuration for each state is identified by reference to the list given in Table 111.

Symmetry	Dominant Configuration	R _e (a.u.)	D _e (eV)
7 ₅ + *	1	3.73	1.24
7 ₂ +	2	3.90	-0.60
7 _{2:} -	3	3.74	1.21
7 _{II}	5	3.69	1.46
7 ₁₁	6	3.83	0.79
711	4	3.72	0.06
5 _{5.} +	10	3.74	1.15
5 ₂ +	11	3.71	0.20

^{*}These results are identical to the SCF results for this state to eight significant figures.

TABLE V.

Calculated and Experimental Transition Energies and Correlation Energy Changes in Fe and O. Energies are in eV.

State	Calculated ^a HF Energies	Experimental Energies	AE Correlation
Fe 3d ⁶ (⁵ D)4s ²	0	0	D1 DN DN / SN DN DN
Fe ⁺ 3d ⁶ (⁵ D)4s; ⁶ D	6.275	7.898 b	-1.623
Fe ⁺ 3d ⁶ (⁵ D)4p; ⁶ F	10.751	13.101 ^b	-2.350
0 2p ⁴ (³ p)	0	0	
$0^{-} 2p^{5}(^{2}p)$	+0.541	-1.456 ^C	÷2.006

a. The HF energies are obtained from numerical Hartree-Fock calculations using a program of C. Froese-Fischer. See Ref. 7.

b. See Ref. 14.

c. See Ref. 15.

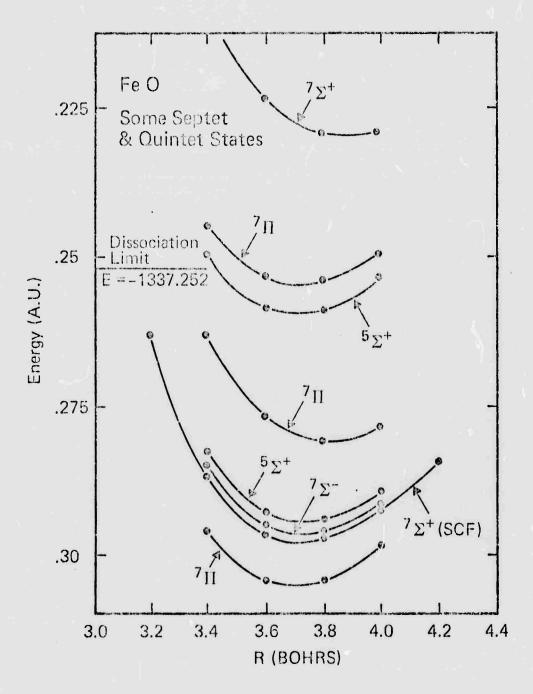


Figure 1. Potential curves for several Septet and Quintet States of FeO. The lower $^7\Sigma^+$ curve is obtained from SCF calculations; the remaining curves are obtained from frozen orbital calculations using the $^7\Sigma^+$ SCF MO's as described in Sec. III. The dissociation limit is for the SCF energies of the ground state Fe and O atoms.